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A fully responsive reply to the Office Action dated
May 26, 2004 was filed in the USPTO by facsimile on
June 25, 2004. The Examiner reviewed the application and had
some questions concerning the claim language. In response to the
Examiner's questions concerning claim language, claims 12, 14 and
15 were amended as set forth in the Supplemental Amendment filed

July 15, 2004, and the non-elected claims were cancelled. Since the RESPONSE filed June 25, 2004 was fully responsive to the Office Action dated May 26, 2004, no extension fee should have been required in connection with the Supplemental Amendment filed July 15, 2004, since the Supplemental Amendment did not change the election, but merely made some clarifying amendments to the claims responsive to a telephone interview with the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Patent Office <u>credit</u> the \$110 which was erroneously charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account 06-1378 on July 9, 2004.

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